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Prepared by: _____

Approved by: Brian Kuhn
Shelby County Attorney

Resolution directing Office of Planning and Development to study alternative methods other than the Federal Census to amend Resolution No. 31 adopted on January 24, 2000, Resolution No. 32 adopted on March 13, 2000, Resolution No. 1 adopted on April 25, 2002, and Resolution No. 1 adopted on March 24, 2004 establishing Redistricting Plan for the Shelby County Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-2-201 in order to adopt a plan consisting of seven members and seven districts of substantially equal population comprising the areas of Shelby County outside the City of Memphis.
Sponsored by Commissioner Mike Ritz.

WHEREAS Most, if not all of the county's suburban cities have accomplished at least one special population census since the 2000 Federal Census; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-2-201 requires that county boards of education be elected by the people; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-2-201 further provides that members of county board of education shall be residents of and elected from districts of substantially equal populations established by resolution of the local legislative body; and,

WHEREAS, Population growth within the districts has altered the composition of certain districts so that they are no longer each of a substantially equal population; and

WHEREAS, The next Federal Census will not occur until 2010 and alternative methods on which reapportionment may be based need to be studied; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Shelby County, Tennessee, reviewed and adopted as Resolution No. 31 on January 24, 2000, and amended by Resolution No. 32 adopted on March 13, 2000, Resolution No. 1 adopted on April 25, 2002 and Resolution No. 1 adopted on March 24, 2004, a plan to redistrict the region currently served by Shelby County Schools into seven districts; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to revise the plan approved on January 24, 2000, and subsequently amended on March 13, 2000, April 25, 2002 and March 24, 2004, with a revised plan which complies with the state law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners of Shelby County, Tennessee, That the Office of Planning and Development be directed to studying methods or reapportionment of school districts which are not dependent upon the next Federal Census which is not scheduled to take place until 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of Planning and Development submit these studies of alternative methods to the Board of County Commissioners as early as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners desire to redistrict the unincorporated county prior to the 2010 county elections.

AC Wharton, Jr.
Shelby County Mayor

Date : _____

ATTEST:

Minutes Clerk
Shelby County Board of Commissioners

ADOPTED: _____